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TAGS: PFOR, PLOS, ENRG, TS, LY
SUBJ: TUNISIAN-LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE: TALKS
PUBLICLY DESCRIBED AS GOING WELL AND SCHEDULED TO END
MORNING JUNE 10

REF: TUNIS 4068 (DTG: 091255Z JUN 77)

1. SUMMARY: TUNISIAN MEDIA JUNE 10 ANNOUNCED THAT FINAL SESSION OF MEETINGS BETWEEN TUNISIAN, LIBYAN AND ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATIONS OVER CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE ARE TO TAKE PLACE MORNING OF JUNE 10 AND THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON REACHING AGREEMENT ON SUBMITTING QUESTION TO ARBITRATION. END SUMMARY.

2. JUNE 10 MEDIA REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA MET WITH MEMBERS OF THREE DELEGATIONS AT MID-DAY JUNE 9 AND THAT TALKS WERE RESUMED AT 5:30 P.M. AT CONCLUSION OF THIS SESSION AT 8:00 P.M. TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HABIB CHATTY TOLD PRESS "WE ARE ABOUT TO REACH AN ACCORD FOR RE-SORTING TO ARBITRATION CONCERNING THE PROBLEM OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF." CHATTY WAS FURTHER REPORTED TO HAVE INDICATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE MADE NOTABLE PROGRESS AND THAT THE LIBYAN AND TUNISIAN DELEGATINS HAVE "UP TO NOW MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WHICH RESUME IN FINAL SESSION MORNING JUNE 10."

3. PRESS ALSO REPORTED STATEMENT MADE BY LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER ALI ABDESSALEM TURAYKI FOLLOWING ABOVE-MENTIONED MEETING WITH BOURGIBA AT MID-DAY THURSDAY. TURAYKI SAID "I HAVE HAD THE HONOR OF BEING RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA TO WHOM I HAVE TRANSMITTED A VERBAL MESSAGE FROM COLONEL QADHAFI, WHO HOLDS PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA IN GREAT ESTEEM AND WITH MUCH CONSIDERATION." TURAYKI ALSO NOTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH TUNISIAN PRESIDENT.

4. AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD BY SENIOR TUNISIAN MFA OFFICIAL
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AFTERNOON JUNE 9. THAT "BASICALLY THINGS LOOK GOOD ALTHOUGH TUNISIANS AND LIBYANS ARE STILL DUELING WITH EACH OTHER FOR EVERY POINT." OFFICIAL ADDED THAT AS OF THE MOMENT "IT WAS STILL TOO EARLY TO CHEER."

5. EMBASSY WILL REPORT LATER IN DAY IF WE HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER ON OUTCOME OF TALKS.
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